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SUBJECT: LOS: LOS-TUNA TALKS WITH ECUADOR

FROM USDEL LOS

FOR: DEPUTY SECRETARY INGERSOLL AND UNDER SECRETARY MAW FROM  
AMB. MOORE AND THOMAS CLINGAN

1. U.S. TEAM OF MOORE, CLINGAN AND MARTIN MET WITH ECUADORIAN  
LOS TEAM OF AMB. GARCIA, MR. AYALA, AND CMDR. JARAMILLO AT  
EQUADORIAN INITIATIVE ON FIRST DAY OF CONFERENCE TO CONTINUE LOS -  
TUNA DISCUSSIONS BEGUN IN QUITO. ECUADOREANS PASSED U.S. TEAM  
AN ECUADOREAN REVISION (SEPTTEL) OF U.S. QUITO TUNA CONSERVATION  
PROPOSAL ON INFORMAL BASIS FOR USE IN EVENSEN GROUP. ECUADOREAN'S  
INDICATED THAT THEY HAD CONSULTED WITH PERU AND CHILE ON THEIR  
PROPOSAL. PROPOSAL, WHICH ENVISAGES REGIONAL TUNA CONSERVATION  
ORGANIZATION, PRESENTS PROBLEMS CONCERNING DEGREE TO WHICH ORGAN-

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IZATION RECOMMENDATIONS COULD BE BINDING ON COASTAL STATES AND

DEGREE OF COASTAL STATE DISCRETION TO RESERVE FISHING AREAS BUT  
NEVERTHELESS REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT MOVEMENT.

2. ECUADOREANS ARE COMFORTABLE IN INFORMAL LOS CONSULTATIONS  
SEEKING TO PRODUCE REGIONAL AGREEMENT ON TUNA CONSERVATION ARTICLE  
FOR LOS TREATY. ALTHOUGH THERE IS A HINT OF POSSIBILITY FOR  
SEPARATE INTERIM REGIONAL TUNA CONSERVATION AGREEMENT BASED ON  
TUNA CONSERVATION ARTICLE, ECUADOREANS RESISTED EFFORTS TO PROBE  
FLEXIBILITY IN THIS DIRECTION AT THIS TIME, CITING ABSENCE OF  
WAIVER OF SANCTIONS AS MAJOR OBSTACLE. AGREEMENT REACHED TO CON-  
SULT AGAIN AS OFTEN AS NECESSARY DURING LOS CONFERENCE.

3. ECUADOREANS STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF A REGIONAL FISHING ORGAN-  
IZATION INCLUDING U.S. AND POSSIBLY CANADA BUT NOT OTHER DISTANT  
WATER FISHING STATES. THEY INDICATED SOME FLEXIBILITY HOWEVER  
WITH RESPECT TO OBSERVER STATUS FOR DISTANT WATER FISHING NATIONS.

4. DETAILED MEMCON AND RECOMMENDATION RE WAIVER OF SANCTIONS  
FOLLOW.

5. COMMENT: WE HAVE FOUND A FORMAT FOR TALKS WITH ECUADOR WHICH  
COULD GREATLY AID RESOLUTION OF HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES ISSUE  
IN LOS CONFERENCE AND BE CONVERTED INTO A REGIONAL TUNA CONSERVATION  
AGREEMENT WHEN AGREEMENT REACHED ON PRAGMATICS OF TUNA CONSERVATION  
SYSTEM. SUCH AN AGREEMENT WOULD REINFORCE LOS EFFORT WITH RESPECT  
TO HIGHLY MIGRATORY SPECIES AS WELL AS RESOLVE TUNA DISPUTE WITH  
ECUADOR, AND OTHERS. THOUGH ECUADOREAN COUNTER-PROPOSAL HAS  
PROBLEM, IT IS ALSO A CLEAR SIGNAL OF INTEREST AND, ON MERITS,  
REPRESENTS SIGNIFICANT PROGRESS. DALE

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